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SABBATH SERVICES

Sabbath School.....	9:30 A. M.
Church Services.....	10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.
Y. P. S. C. E.....	6:45 P. M.
Junior Y. P. S. C. E.....	2:00 P. M.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday.....	7:30 P. M.

Our mid-winter communion services will be held Sabbath morning, January 9th. The week of prayer begins with the Sabbath, Jan. 2d. We expect to have services during that week. Fuller announcement of which will be made later.

The Christmast entertainment for the Sunday school and church, will be given Sunday evening, December 26th. The exercises will consist of singing and some recitations by the Sunday school, and stereopticon pictures on nativity. We want every Sunday school scholar and every member of the church and your friends at this service.

Thursday evening, December 16th, the women of Grace church will join hands and serve one of their good old time chicken suppers in the lecture rooms of the church. They intend to make this supper a great success. With the help of everyone, they should get out a large attendance and we guarantee the supper. Let us have a large attendance of our own people and let every member make an effort to get out their friends. The supper will be 20 cents.

The Christian World will make a very acceptable and valuable Christmas gift for any family. The price of the paper is \$1.50 a year. The pastor will be glad to send in your subscription at any time.

The members of the church will be furnished with special envelopes for their Christmas offering. We hope and pray for a generous offering. Let us have a liberal gift at this Christmas season for the Lord who did so much for us. The Christmas offerings will be received on the Sunday after Christmas, December 26th.

At a meeting of the Woman's Aid society held recently it was decided to have the penny boxes brought to the church Thursday afternoon, December 16. A change has been made in the date and the time for earning more pennies for the boxes has been extended until a later date, some day during holiday week.

The financial secretary will issue the annual statement very shortly. The consistory hopes that all the pledges made for the current expenses of the church will be paid in full not later than Dec. 26th. Those two did not pledge any definite amount for the year, we feel sure will pay their full share to the current expenses, in the measure in which the Lord has given to them. It will go hard with the man who dares to rob the Lord of his dues, while unmeasured blessings shall be given to the man who deals justly with his Master.

Holy Night! Peaceful Night!

Holy night! peaceful night!
All is dark, save the light
Yonder where they sweet vigil keep
O'er the Babe who in silent sleep
Rests in heavenly peace.

Holy night! peaceful night!
Only for shepherds' sight
Came blest visions of angel-throng
With their loud alleluia songs,
Saying, Jesus is come.

Holy night! peaceful night!
Child of heaven, oh, how bright
Thou didst smile on us when Thou
wast born!
Blest indeed was that happy morn,
Full of heavenly joy.

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold;
"Peace on the earth, good-will to men
From heaven's all gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,
With peaceful wings unfurled;
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world:
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

Hark! a Burst of Heavenly Music
Hark! a burst of heavenly music
From a band of seraphs bright,
Suddenly to earth descending,
In the calm and silent night:
To the shepherds of Judea,
Watching in the earliest dawn,
So they bear the joyful tidings,
"Jesus, Prince of peace, is born."

Sweet and clear those angel voices,
Echoing thro' the stormy sky,
As they chant the heavenly music,
"Glory be to God on high!"

Slumbering in a lowly manger
Lies the mighty Lord of all,
And before the holy Stranger
See the trembling shepherds fall.
He has come, the long-expected,
Full of wisdom, love, and grace,
To redeem his ruined creatures,
To restore our fallen race.

So let angels wake the chorus,
So let ransomed men reply,
Chanting the celestial anthem,
"Glory be to God on high!"

Joy to the World, the Lord Is Come!

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King,
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,

Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and
plains
Repeat the sounding joy.

The Sunday school scholars have already been supplied with coin collectors for their Christmas offerings. When the children solicit you for a few pennies or nickels, do not turn them away empty handed, give them all the encouragement you can. We want a liberal Christmas offering.

The pastor has arranged with a Chicago house for Stereopticon slides for Christmas. It is one of the finest collections of Christmas slides he could find. Among them are a number of Christmas hymns, which are printed in this issue of the Visitor. We want every one to become familiar with them, so we can sing them with heart and soul at the Christmas service.

LAID TO REST.

After many months of suffering, Mrs. Julia Riley, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jennie Butler, on Smith street, Tuesday night, November 9th. She was born in Carroll county, Ohio, May 30th, 1838. She was aged 71 years, 6 months and 21 days. She came with her father's family to this state, when she was but a child and resided at Hoagland, about twelve miles south of Fort Wayne. For the past forty years she was a resident of Fort Wayne. Mr. and Mrs. Riley united with Grace church May 25, 1890. Very early in life Mrs. Riley accepted Christ and united with the United Brethren church. She was all her life a devout and consistent Christian woman. During the many years of her illness and suffering which deprived her of the privileges of the sanctuary, she did not forget her Lord. She trusted in Him and loved Him with a full heart. She bore her suffering with Christian fortitude and patience. As the end was approaching she became anxious to depart and be with the Lord.

Her husband died in July 1890. Mrs. Four sons, one daughter, one brother and a number of grandchildren survive her. The funeral services were held Saturday, November 13th from the Lutheran church at Hoagland.

READ AND THINK.

The United States gives annually for Foreign Missions, 1 inch..	\$ 7,500,000
Chewing Gum, 1 1-2-in...	11,000,000
Confectionery, 24-in.	178,000,000
Bread, 85-in.	600,000,000
Tobacco, 107-in.	750,000,000
Intoxicating liquor, 245-in.	2,000,000,000

The bequest of \$200 made by Mr. John Bigler to Grace church, was recently paid to the pastor by the executor of the estate and applied upon the bonded debt of the church.

A number of broken lights in the kitchen of the church and in the Sunday school have just been replaced at the request of Mrs. Kate Certia. This was a very generous act on her part, and is deserving of the thanks of the whole congregation.

The subscription price of the Visitor is 25 cents a year. Do you know how much it costs a year to publish the paper, and how much of the pastor's time it requires each month to get out an issue? Are you interested in the parish paper? Do you care to read it? Are you doing anything to help to maintain the paper? How many of the members of Grace church do you suppose are getting the paper each month of the year, perhaps two or three copies a month, and are paying the small amount of 25 cents a year for their paper? How about yourself? Are you paying anything to the support of the paper? The pastor gives his time and work free. He does not realize any profit out of the paper. The net profits go to the parsonage fund.

Through the kindness of Mr. Willis Pearce, the pastor recently came into the possession of a very fine carriage horse, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Brown. We are very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Brown and Mr. Pearce for this kindness. We are very much pleased with "Pat." He is a splendid driver, quite a goer, and has an abundance of good horse sense. He felt just a little homesick when he first came to make his home with us, and we felt just real sorry for him. We are trying to show him all the kindness we can, and hope that before long he will feel at home with us. He is already beginning to know where some of our parishners live and finds the way very readily to his new home.

Do your Christmas buying from our Advertisers.

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REV. A. ZARTMAN, Editor and Publisher

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With this issue the Visitor begins its 20th volume. It has been a paying investment, and has been a great help to us in our work. The twenty volumes give a very interesting and complete history of Grace church for the past twenty years. For the financial success of the paper, we are indebted to a very large extend to our advertisers, many of whom have been with us, since we first began to publish the paper. When you are making your purchases, do not forget these men, who are making it possible for us to continue the publication of our parish paper. They have a right to expect the patronage of the members and friends of Grace church.

Mr. and Mrs. Bitner and daughter Esther, spent Thanksgiving with friends at Elkhart, Ind.

The Rummage Sale conducted by the Woman's Aid Society on East Main street, netted the society \$44.60.

Mr. John Schneider is one of the janitors at the new Masonic Cathedral. This makes a very nice place for him.

Miss Gretchen Niedhammer has been having a very serious attack of quincy. She was confined to the house for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert have sold their home on Winter street and are for the present having rooms with Mr. Balzel on Hugh street.

Six hundred and thirty-eight dollars and fifty cents were recently paid on the church debt. The next payment will be made at our interest-paying time, January 10th.

Since the last issue of the Visitor, two more subscriptions were added to our church debt and organ fund. We hope to be able to announce a number of others very soon.

Mr. Straubs has purchased a lot in the Pfeiffer Place addition, where they will put up a house for themselves during the winter, if the weather will permit.

Rev. H. B. Diefenbach, of Bluffton, delivered a very excellent address at the District C. E. convention recently held in the city. He spoke on "The Church, Our Legacy."

Christmas is coming, the chimes of the Christmas bells are already heard in the distance and the Christmas shoppers are busy, but no one is quite as busy and frisky these days, as our old friend Santa.

Dr. Coblenz entertained the Woman's Missionary society at his palatial home at 921 West Berry street, Thursday afternoon, November 18th. The Doctor knows how to entertain his guests.

Mr. Klippenger's home at Garrett was burned recently. Mrs. Klippenger was formerly Miss Kate Romy, the daughter of Mrs. Catherine Romy. It is likely that the family will come to Fort Wayne and locate here permanently.

The pastor has just received a very interesting letter from Miss C. Schaaf from Palo Alto, Cal. She is delighted with her work at Leland Standford University. She wishes to be remembered to the members of Grace church.

Miss Anna Doermer has a supply of tickets for the chicken supper Thursday evening, December 16th. Get a supply from her and go out among your friends and do some hustling. Every woman is expected to sell at least ten tickets.

Since the last issue of the Visitor, Ralph Siebold has been to the St. Joseph hospital for an operation for appendicitis. The operation was quite a serious one, but he got along splendidly and is now out and about and feeling quite well.

Friday evening, November 26th, the ladies of the church served supper in the lecture rooms of the church for the delegates of the District C. E. convention. The Endeavorers had a pleasant time together and enjoyed their supper immensely.

The Christian Endeavor society is an institution in the church in which every young member of the church should take an active part. The society is open to all members of the church and if you are not in their ranks you are missing a great opportunity.

RULES FOR SPEECH.

Let him speak what is true;
Let him speak what is useful;
Let him speak what is pleasant;
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At the close of the Thursday evening session a reception was held by the Fort Wayne Endeavors for all delegates in attendance and together with the supper given at this church it proved that there is still some life in the Fort Wayne Endeavors.

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